

Symposium Location

All sessions of the symposium will be held at the Byrd Polar Research Center of The Ohio State University in the Auditorium of Scott Hall (Room 240).

A welcoming reception will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Lane (328 West Lane Avenue) Wednesday evening, October 8, 2003 at 6pm. All participants are invited to attend this get-together. The banquet will be on Thursday evening at the Holiday Inn on the Lane. There will also be a book-signing event during the symposium. Books will be available for purchase on site.

Symposium Registration Fee

The registration fee for the symposium is \$125.00. The fee for registration includes the reception on Wednesday evening, banquet on Thursday evening, lunches and breaks on Thursday and Friday. Transportation to and from the hotel to the Byrd Center will also be provided.

Hotel Accommodations

Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn on the Lane (328 West Lane Avenue). The cost is \$89.00 + tax per night, single or double occupancy. Participants should make their own reservations before **September 17, 2003** to guarantee the conference rate. The telephone number for the hotel is 614-294-4848. Participants are responsible for their own hotel charges. The Holiday Inn on the Lane provides a free shuttle service to and from the airport.

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Women's Roles in Polar Regions Past, Present, and Future

Thursday and Friday
9-10 October 2003

Byrd Polar Research Center
The Ohio State University
240 Scott Hall
1090 Carmack Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Registration Form for the American Polar Society Symposium --- 9-10 October 2003

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ Email address _____

_____ I/We will attend the banquet on Thursday, 9 October 2003 ; _____ I/We will attend reception on Wednesday, 8 October 2003

_____ Enclosed is a check payable to: The Ohio State University for _____

Mail to: Lynn Everett, APS Symposium, Byrd Polar Research Center, The Ohio State University, 1090 Carmack Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1002

Registration Fee \$125.00
Banquet for Non-Participants: \$40.00

Highlights* of the upcoming American Polar Society's 2003 Symposium

Women's Roles in Polar Regions: Past, Present and Future

Thursday October 9, 2003

Morning Session: 8:30 – 12:30

The Human Element: A Woman's Touch

Following introductory remarks from the Society's outgoing President, **Dr. Gisela Dreschhoff**, the day begins with a broad look at the unique qualities women bring to the polar communities in which they live, work, and explore. **Ms. Gretel Ehrlich**, the Symposium's keynote speaker, is an acclaimed natural history author and journalist whose fascination with islands led her to Greenland, where she lived and traveled for more than a decade, and was inspired to write *This Cold Heaven: Seven Seasons in Greenland*, a book about the Inuit people and the harsh environment in which they thrive. Ms. Ehrlich's presentation, "The Future of Ice," will touch on many Symposium themes including natural and native history, exploration, and the implications of climate change in high northern latitudes. Shifting to the Southern Hemisphere, **Dr. Colin Bull**, Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University, will share his perspective on how the first women scientists came to work in Antarctica. Through his considerable efforts, the first all-woman field party gained entry to the formerly males-only club of research elite. Forty years later, the presence of women on "the ice" is almost commonplace, with women now comprising over 30 percent of the population at McMurdo Station during the austral summer. Picking up on this trend, **Dr. Nancy Chin**, an Antarctic anthropologist, discusses cultural emergence in Antarctica and the roles women play in life and work on the seventh continent. This session concludes with a panel discussion on the implications of cultural change taking place in both Polar Regions.

Afternoon Session: 1:30 – 5:00

Pioneers in Polar Research

The day's second session focuses on women researchers in the Polar Regions. The keynote speaker for this session, **Dr. Peter Wilkniss**, former Director of NSF's Polar Programs, played a pivotal role in bringing women investigators into the mainstream of the polar

scientific community. Dr. Wilkniss will share his insights on the merits of women scientists as principal investigators of polar research grants and as field team leaders in some of the most remote parts of the world. An excellent example of one of these women is Ohio State's own **Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson**, who will give her perspective on more than two decades of leading ice coring programs on the polar plateau of Antarctica and on the Greenland Ice Sheet. This session will also feature **Dr. Rita Horner**, another woman scientist who worked primarily in the Arctic during the early years. Dr. Horner will share what it was like to be a "woman first" at the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory in Barrow, Alaska, conduct research from Ice Island T-3, and be a Chief Scientist aboard a Coast Guard icebreaker in the Arctic. To wrap up this session, one of the "new explorers," **Dr. Nelia Dunbar**, a volcanologist, will talk about her experience accumulated during 16 years of field work in some of Antarctica's most inhospitable locations. Her summer vacations camping in remote parts of the world (Afghanistan, Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania), while her father was in the Foreign Service, prepared her well for later adventures living and working on the Antarctic continent.

Friday October 10, 2003

Morning Session: 8:30 – 12:30

The New Explorers

This session celebrates women explorers, focusing on early and notable path-breakers who have traversed the Polar Regions on skis, in small planes, and in boats. As we will learn from **Ms. Sheila Nickerson**, the participation of women in polar exploration is not a recent advent. Ms. Nickerson, former poet laureate of Alaska and award-winning author, will recount the story of Tookoolito, an Inuit woman who is often referred to as the "Sacagawea of the Ice" for her role in guiding the doomed Polaris Expedition to survival. This session will also feature the fascinating adventures of **Mrs. Evelyn Stefansson Nef**, widow and research assistant of famed arctic explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson. Mrs. Nef's own

noteworthy accomplishments as author, psychotherapist and philanthropist add immeasurably to her account. Then, from skis in the North to skies in the South, the session takes off with presentations by two pioneers in polar aviation. **Cmdr. Mary Crawford (Ret.)**, the Navy's first woman Naval Flight Officer and Antarctic LC-130 aviator, will chronicle the "flying firsts" of her distinguished 28 years of active duty. **Ms. Anne Kershaw**, a modern-day polar aviation expert and president of Adventure Network International (ANI), one of the largest suppliers of air services in Antarctica, will talk about the emergence of ANI and the growth of exploration in the remote quarters of Antarctica. For her many achievements Ms. Kershaw has received special recognition from the Queen of England and from leaders of polar programs in many countries. Also featured in this session will be **Dr. John Behrendt**. His six decades of polar research and interest in history led to his first book, *Innocents on the Ice: A Memoir of Antarctic Exploration 1957*. Dr. Behrendt will provide insights and stories that only a long and distinguished career can impart.

Friday October 10, 2003

Afternoon Session: 1:30 – 4:30

Looking to the Future

The fourth and final session of the Symposium will demonstrate that the future depends on the past and on our ability to build on what we have. The preservation of cultural heritage and the stewardship of natural resources gives today's explorers and researchers tools to move into the future. We will hear from tribal elders of the High North on the importance of preserving native languages and subsistence traditions. We will also hear from conservationists who give voice to the passions of many concerning the importance of preserving fragile polar ecosystems; and we will hear from distinguished scientists about coming trends in polar research. This session concludes with a series of images that will capture not only the key themes of the Symposium, but will also leave participants with a lasting impression of the beauty and importance of Polar Regions.

*Note: this brochure provides only a sampling of the Symposium's impressive line-up